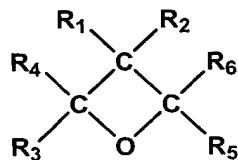


**ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are an actinic ray curable composition, an actinic ray curable ink, an image recording method, and an ink jet recording apparatus, the actinic ray curable composition containing a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I represented by the following formula 1,

Formula 1



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, and wherein the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances in formula 1 is from 0.1464 to 0.1500 nm.